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HIGHLIGHTS

- Decreased winds and higher humidities yesterday reduced fire activity on the Parks Highway Fire, though the northeast side of the fire remained moderately active. The fire is now less than a ¼ mile from remote cabins and allotments near the mouth of the Wood River. Smokejumpers and a firefighter crew continue to provide structure protection along the Tanana, Tatlanika and Wood rivers. For more information on the Parks Highway Fire visit: http://www.parkshighwayfire.com/ or call 907-460-2761.
- The Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) for the Parks Highway Fire was lifted as of 5:00 p.m. on June 24, 2006.
- For information about air quality, please visit: http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm
- Two new fires, both less than an acre in size, were reported yesterday.
 Currently there are 12 active fires in Alaska. The Parks Highway Fire is
 the only fire that is staffed. The Alaska Interagency Coordination Center
 (AICC) reports that so far this year 194 fires statewide have burned nearly
 196,172 acres. For additional information about fire activity in Alaska,
 please visit: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf.

- For additional references, see next page -



ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: http://fire.ak.blm.gov
- Parks Highway Fire:
 (907) 832-1835, (907) 451-3031, http://parkshighwayfire.com/
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, http://511.alaska.gov
- Division of Forestry, Burn Permit Info: (907) 451-2626
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm
- National Parks Service: www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm
- National Weather Service: http://www.nws.noaa.gov/
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <u>http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc</u>
- Federal Aviation Administration: http://www.faa.gov

The Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fire Service provides wildland fire suppression services for all Department of the Interior and Native Corporation lands in Alaska, and assists those entities with other fire management activities including: guidance and interpretation of fire policy for BLM Alaska and management of the BLM Alaska aviation program. In addition to fire suppression missions, AFS also conducts prescribed fires in accordance with various partner agreements.